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"In Florida In The Red?"

All Is Confusion!  
Single Tax Doomed.

People Need Lobby.

How much money must the 1939 Florida Legislature provide, either through the retention of present tax laws or the passage of new revenue measures, to finance the increasing costs of state government for another biennium and to erase whatever deficit exists when the lawmakers convene in Tallahassee next month?

If you can answer this simple question, you will hold the key to what many believe will be the most important meeting of Florida's law-making body. More than that, your service will be eagerly sought by the 95 representatives and 38 senators who are now engaged in a quest for the figures upon which they can base an intelligent, workable, finance and taxation program.

Never in Florida's history have our lawmakers prepared their trek to Tallahassee in an atmosphere of greater confusion. Never have they attacked the budget by the gentlemen who dislike the American press precisely because it is alert, and interesting and reliable. Dr. Phelps has discovered that he has called down on his head a shower of brickbats, directed by the forces which are busily engaged in trying to undermine the confidence of the American people in American newspapers.

When the boys who are determined to "make America over" finish their work, all newspapers presumably will be similar to the one which Dr. Phelps has been reading—Texas Weekly.

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dian knot of fiscal affairs with a fuller view and, as these lines are written, the hope of the majority of truth-seekers seems to rest upon Speaker-Designate Pierce Wood's Ways and Means Committee, which was appointed to sift the wheat from the chaff prior to the opening of the session.

In brief, the present situation finds State Comptroller J. M. Lee insisting that Florida is far in the red. State Treasurer Knott just as insistent that the state boasted a January dollar bill balance of nine million 313,000. Governor Fred P. Connelley, along with the treasurer in reaffirming his pledge to oppose any new taxes.

None the statements of the two cabinet officials, obviously, are as far apart as the poles and this commentator declines to comment on who's right. If one takes into account what are known as earmarked funds, then it would appear that the treasurer is right. Out of line. And you tally up all the money-spending bills passed by the legislature, then you can figure upon which they can base an intelligent, workable, finance and taxation program.

Regardless of pronouncements, pro and con, opinion seems general, however, that the state is in a predicament and that it is occupying about the same position as the average citizen when he made \$200 a week and then suffered a salary cut to a paltry \$50. These notes, in accordance with the policies of the legislature, must be paid or the "man" will come around to take back the cash. That is the way it works with the individual, but with governments the credit agencies must wait until the legislature sends around another four barrel.

In the face of this situation, therefore, it is only natural that there should be as many tax plans as there are plums in your Christmas pudding. It was only natural that the single-taxers come forward with sugared solutions at a time when new revenue is the watchword. Many believe the Murphy and other boons intended for tax dodgers by other legislatures have combined to throw the state government upon the horns of the current dilemma. Whatever the cause, most students of taxation believe a wholesale breakdown of Florida's system of assessment and collection of taxes is the cancer, with which the body politic now suffers. So the legislature, regardless of what it does about finding the money to pay government's bills, can be expected to revolt much time and configure the task of streamlining its tax machine, replacing worn out parts and inserting a flock of new gears.

Within the past month, this writer has journeyed more than 3,500 miles, up and down and across the state, endeavoring to get a better picture of the situation as well as the general public on the subject of the sales tax. We have found the average Floridian opposed to such a tax, call what you will. We have found a majority of our legislators opposed to it, although some might support such a measure as a last extremity. But we also have found Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Citizen firmly convinced that the legislature can and should cut governmental costs and that, if old-fashioned economy is practiced, the legislature can provide plenty of money for all needs without levying a single new penny of taxes.

These conditions have been found before. You find the people every two years, howling about the prospects of new taxes and heavier burdens. But the tale is akin to gossip about the weather and the reason little or nothing is done to reduce the tax burden is because everybody is representative in Tallahassee during legislative session except the articulate masses of the common people.

Will there be a people's lobby at the coming session? Perhaps. There are signs of activity on the part of the Florida Taxpayers Association and efforts are being made to mobilize the consumers against any form of sales tax. But transfer as a real people's lobby is concerned we seriously doubt if such a body will be formed. At Home Florida's citizens—and we mean the editors of the weeklies as well as the daily publications—must accept the responsibility of effecting reader opinion to a greater extent than ever before. There is no voice more heeded by the average legislator than the voice of his home town paper. But the editor cannot do it alone. You and you and you, as the readers of these newspapers, should keep in close touch with what goes on in Tallahassee.

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION**

**TOWN OF BELLE GLADE, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
The Town Commission of the Town of Belle Glade, in Palm Beach County, Florida, has ordered a Special Election to be held on the 14th day of April, 1939, in the Town of Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida, to elect a General Obligation Bonds of said Town for the purpose of purchasing private land for a Public Park, and for the purpose of constructing athletic fields and building necessary public buildings and structures, to be held at a Public Park in the aggregate amount of \$750,000.00, to be paid in installments of \$150,000.00, dated March 1, 1939, and to be paid semi-annually on September 1st and March 1st, 1940, and to be paid semi-annually on September 1st and March 1st, 1941, and to be paid semi-annually on September 1st and March 1st, 1942, and to be paid semi-annually on September 1st and March 1st, 1943, and to be paid semi-annually on September 1st and March 1st, 1944, and to be paid semi-annually on September 1st and March 1st, 1945, and to be paid semi-annually on 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## Temporary Bridge Over Canal Will Be Built In 10 Days

### Electrical Inspector Instructed Not To Engage In Commercial Work

Arrangements for a temporary bridge over the Hillsborough canal and limitation of commercial electrical work done by the city electrical inspector were among important issues discussed by Belle Glade town commissioners at the regular weekly session at the Town Hall Wednesday night.

It was decided by a majority of commissioners that no further action would be taken locally in regard to the building of a temporary detour bridge over the Hillsborough canal at Second street but that recent statements by Brooks Bateman, State Road Department official, assuring the town the bridge will be built, would be accepted as final authority.

Commissioner R. K. Harris reported that he had talked with Mr. Bateman over the telephone.

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in Tampa and Miami last week and that at both times he was definitely assured the bridge will be built, "within a week or 10 days."

Harris also telegraphed H. T. De Garmo, of the State Road Department, who stated that the department is making arrangements to place warning signs along the canal roads within the dangerous school zone.

Mayor Arthur Wells reported that Sheriff "Bill" Lawrence will send a deputy to Belle Glade to assist in patrolling the school zone during maintenance of the Chosen detour.

Commissioner Hubert Chamblee reported on the electrical inspection situation and the basis of complaints which have been made by private contractors. It was decided, following a lengthy debate, that the city electrical inspector, Harold Ridel, would be instructed not to engage in commercial contracting work and that private installation will be inspected and a license issued for same by an assistant electrical inspector, to be named soon. A motion was made by the Council approving the appointment of an assistant inspector to inspect private electrical work done by the regular inspector.

An assignment of \$3,900 from the outstanding bill due Don Hillier & Son, Pahokee contractors, for construction work on the new Town Hall, was approved for transfer to the Bank of Pahokee. A 60-day removal of a note due Powers & Archibald was approved by the council and Mr. Archibald who was also present. Bills totaling \$22.31 from the general town fund and \$24.45 from the waterworks department fund

Chamber of Commerce representative, asked for a general meeting with the council and city attorney in regard to the coming bond election, April 4. A meeting was called for Thursday night.

Fire Marshall Lawrence will present the monthly bill for the Volunteer Fire Department totaling \$386.75 which was accepted by the council. Suggestions were also made for the location of a fire truck on the opposite side of the canal to avoid the costly detour by way of Chosen State Road Department officials will be asked for permission to use the foot-bridge in case of a fire on the opposite side of the canal and to enable firemen to reach the scene as quickly as possible.

G. E. Evans will be asked to allow the storage of a fire truck on his property and tarpaulins will be placed over the equipment for protection against weather. Fire Marshall will also state that the department answered 16 calls during the month of February and that several costly muck fires made necessary the extra time listed against the department's record. The council agreed to allow Mr. Will to handle the storage of the truck on the north side of the canal.

Karl Riddle, PWA waterworks engineer of West Palm Beach, presented slight changes in the extension system which were accepted by the council. A resolution was adopted containing the changes. Commissioner Kirkman suggested that the council agree to the erection of a concrete covering for the waterworks equipment. The council agreed to a construction amount of \$300

for sold work to be done by Powers & Archibald Company.

Carl Redmer, city clerk, asked the council for advice in regard to the collection of several occupational licenses from stores engaged in multiple trades. Commissioner R. K. Harris, at this time, made the statement that garages in Belle Glade were being charged too much in relation to other businesses and suggested an adjustment. The clerk was instructed to collect \$22.50 on the first \$1,000-worth of merchandise carried and additional amounts for stock over that figure.

## Gainesville Men Attend Rotary

Dr. A. L. Shealy, head of the Animal Husbandry Department at Gainesville; Dr. W. G. Kirk, assistant animal husbandman; and Dr. Wayne M. Neal, associate animal nutritionist, both from Gainesville, will be guests of the Belle Glade Rotary Club at their regular Friday luncheon today.

Dr. Shealy will address the club on the Everglades livestock possibilities and will be introduced by R. W. Kidder, in charge of livestock at the Everglades Experiment station. Following the meeting, Rotarians present, will be invited to visit the station for the exhibition.

Guests at the Rotary luncheon last Friday were: Bill Fidd, president of the Homestead Rotary Club; "Bud" Haynes, West Palm Beach Rotarian, who delivered a brief talk; Bill Brunson, also of the West Palm Beach Ho-

## Nursery Project Plans Studied At Meeting This Week

### Another Meeting Scheduled For Tonight At Legion Hall

Two meetings in connection with the Belle Glade nursery project were held this week. A general meeting was held Monday at the Legion Church and another was held Wednesday evening at which time the committee members met. Another general meeting is scheduled for this evening at the American Legion hall.

Monday's meeting resulted in the formation of a finance committee to solicit weekly contributions from local business houses and the packing houses. Plumbing installations and general clean-up of the American Legion hall went forward this week and a decision was reached agreeing that all children accepted for the nursery will be subjected to a thorough medical examination. It is planned that through this examination of children, general medical examination of all adults employed in the packing houses will be rendered possible by next month.

It was also learned that a rotary club; C. J. Claudon, Fairbury, Ill.; Will Messick, Rotarian from Salisbury, Md.; Mrs. W. B. Branner, who sang several numbers, accompanied by Mrs. Frank Cowter; and Harold Webb, student guest of the Club.

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**FLOWER SHOW** of the West Palm Beach Garden Club, March 11th and 12th, at the Palm Beach Yacht Club, North Flagler Drive. Hours 3 to 9 on the 11th; 10 to 9 on the 12th. Adult admission 25¢, children under 10, 10¢.

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**ELECTRICIAN WANTED** at once. Inquire: Charles Simmons, Ridel's Camp, Belle Glade.

man from the Home Mission Board of Washington, D. C., will arrive in Belle Glade Friday to assume certain responsibilities in connection with the project.

Frank Howard, Belle Glade police chief, presented a list of 60 needy white and 150 colored families in Belle Glade. Arthur Wells and H. T. Holloway went to West Palm Beach later in the week to ask for county and Red Cross aid in feeding these needy families until the spring season opens.

Present at Monday's meeting were: Mayor Arthur Wells, Ralph Kirk, Dr. W. J. Buck, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Holloway, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Haney, Rev. and Mrs. J. O. Jameson, Mrs. Thomas Bregger, Mrs. F. D. Stevens, Mrs. J. F. Brown, Frank Franz, Mrs. J. F. Wilson, Mrs. Charles Simmons, Mrs. C. E. Ridel and Mrs. J. F. Scullen.

Wednesday's meeting resulted in discussion of objections to the use of the hall by certain Legionnaires because of interference with activities of the Sons of the Legion rifle range. Proponents of the nursery will investigate availability of unused packing houses for use as a rifle range. At the meeting it was decided to incorporate as a non-profit unit with Arthur Wells, Luther Jones, Mrs. H. T. Holloway and Mrs. Thomas Bregger as directors.

## DELEGATION TO ATTEND MEETING

Larry Naah, president of the Belle Glade Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce representative, reported this week that he had received a wire from the Civitan Club at Okeechobee City Monday asking whether a delegation to the State Road Department, meeting at Ft. Lauderdale, March 2-3, would be necessary.

Naah replied in the affirmative stating that the larger delegation the more weight it would add to completion of Road 29 between Kennesaw and junction with Road 30.

Brooks Bateman, State Road Department official, informed the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce last week that the \$200,000 necessary for construction of the strip was available and that diverting for bids would go forward in two weeks.

Important matters concerning Florida's educational program will be discussed when the State Continuing Educational Council meets in Tampa March 16th, in conjunction with the state convention of the Florida Education Association. The Educational Council is composed of representatives of the state's civic and patriotic organizations.

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